

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated November 29, 2005. Applicant has amended claims 1, 4-9, 13, 18 and 19; and canceled claims 2, 3, 14 and 20. Claims 1, 4-13 and 15-19 are now pending.

As a preliminary matter, Applicant notes that a supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being submitted in parallel with this response. Applicant requests the Examiner's consideration of the references cited in the supplemental IDS prior to any further action on this case.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 1-20 because of the phrase "input light source" in these claims. The Examiner suggested changing "input light source" to "input light beam" to avoid any confusion as to whether the "interior" and "perimeter" terms in the claims refer to the input light beam or to the actual physical structure of the light source.

In this Amendment, Applicant has changed the phrase "input light source" to "input light beam" consistent with the Examiner's suggestion.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-2, 4-10, 13 and 15-19 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lee (US 6,775,037). The Examiner objected to claims 3, 14 and 20 as being dependent upon rejected base claims, but indicated that the subject matter of claims 3, 14 and 20 would be allowable if re-written into independent form.

In this Amendment, Applicant has re-written all of the independent claims to recite the subject matter that the Examiner indicated as being allowable. Accordingly, all claims should now be in condition for immediate allowance.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt allowance of all pending claims. By virtue of this Amendment, however, Applicant is not acquiescing to the propriety of the former rejections of the independent claims or the various dependent claims.

Application Number 10/775,505

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Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 09-0069. The Examiner is invited to telephone the below-signed attorney to discuss this application.

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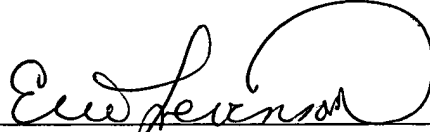
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